GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture Marketing Department — Procurement of Onions under Price Support Scheme — Orders – Issued.

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AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (Mktg.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 9 Dated: 03-01-2019

Read :-

From the Special Commissioner &Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.MI/AGCO5-13027/7/2018, dated: .12.2018.

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ORDER:-

In the reference read above, the Special Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur has reported that during the year 2018-19 the price of onions is not remunerative to farmers and due to drought conditions prevailed in Kurnool District, the average yield has also come down to below 6 ton per Acre when compared to last year i.e. 8 Ton per Acre and also around 9,00,000 Qtls may come to the Kurnool Market Yard during the season and requested to implement the price support scheme during the year 2018-19 for a minimum price of Rs.700/- per Qtl for onions.

2. The Government after examination of the matter in detail, hereby approve the proposal of the Special Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, AP, Guntur with the following conditions:-

1. The differential amount between the actual price (lower than minimum price) at which the farmer sells the onions at market yard, Kurnool and minimum price of Rs.700/- will be paid to the concerned farmer's Bank Account through online.

2. This scheme should be implemented for the arrivals of onions from 1-8-2018 to 28-2-2019 or the date of commencement of price hike whichever is earlier.

3. The estimated scheme cost is about Rs.4.00 crores, approximately. To start with, an amount of Rs.2.00 crores sanctioned as first installment towards this scheme from Central Market Fund (CMF) for which the funds are available with Commissioner and Director of Marketing, Govt. of A.P., Guntur. This amount will be released to Rythu Bazar Revolving Fund account of Asst. Director of Marketing, Kurnool which will be operated with the approval of Joint Collector, Kurnool.

4. Following District Committee will monitor, supervise and over see the implementation of the scheme.

District Collector, Kurnool	-	Chairman
Joint Collector, Kurnool	-	Vice Chairman
Asst. Director of Marketing, Kurnool	-	Convener
Asst. Director of Horticulture, Kurnool	-	Member
Secretary, Agrl. Market Committee, Kurnool	-	Member

5. The District Committee may take the following measures for successful implementation of the scheme.

- To take measures for providing direct benefit to farmers and to prevent misuse by traders / middlemen / others.
- To identify the farmers with the involvement of Revenue and Horticulture Departments.
- To work out and fix the quantity limits of each of the farmers based on the extent of land grown and productivity (6 to 8 Tons per acre) parameters.
- To take measures for regulation of arrivals, uniform supplies of the onions every day and to prevent glut in the market.
- To take measures for prevention of recycling of produce.
- To build awareness among the farmers on maintaining Fair Average Quality (FAQ) norms such as compactness, dryness, cleanliness, free from pests and diseases of onions etc.,

3. The Special Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur shall take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.RAJSEKHAR,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Special Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner, Civil Supplies, A.P., Guntur.
The Managing Director, A.P.Markfed, Vijayawada.
The District Collector, Kurnool.
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SECTION OFFICER